

Regular Session, 2009

HOUSE BILL NO. 277

BY REPRESENTATIVE RITCHIE

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

## AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 37:2102, 2104, 2110, and 2111, relative to sanitarians; to provide for the correction of the name of a referenced state agency; to provide for an increase in the maximum compensation a member of the Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians may receive; to provide for the correction of statutory citations; to provide for clarification of the board's authority to issue sanitarian trainee permits; to provide for the revision of the qualifications of applicants seeking to become sanitarians; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 37:2102, 2104, 2110, and 2111 are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§2102. Board of Examiners; creation; domicile; membership; terms of office

The Louisiana State Board of Examiners for Sanitarians is hereby created within the Department of Health and Hospitals and is subject to the provisions of R.S. 36:803. Its domicile shall be in the city of New Orleans, Louisiana. The board shall consist of seven members, three of whom shall be respectively the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Louisiana State University and Agricultural and Mechanical College; the dean of the College of Arts and Sciences of Tulane University of Louisiana; and the assistant secretary, ~~Office of Public Health Services and Environmental Quality~~ office of public health of the Department of Health and Hospitals; and four of whom shall be duly recognized practicing sanitarians appointed by the governor.

The four sanitarians of the original board shall be appointed to terms beginning with the effective date of this Chapter, as follows: one member for one

1 year, one member for two years, one member for three years, and one member for  
2 four years. Thereafter each sanitarian appointed to the board shall be appointed and  
3 serve for a term of four years.

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5 §2104. Organization of board; seal; administration of oaths; meetings; quorum;  
6 compensation

7 The board of examiners shall annually elect one of its members as chairman,  
8 another as vice chairman and one of its members as secretary, and it is authorized to  
9 select such other officers and employees, and adopt such rules which shall have the  
10 force and effect of law, as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the board.  
11 The board of examiners shall have an official seal and each member shall be  
12 empowered to administer oaths in the taking of testimony upon any matters  
13 pertaining to the functions of the board. The board of examiners shall meet annually  
14 on a date to be fixed by the board in its rules and bylaws and at such other times as  
15 may be deemed necessary by the chairman of the board for the efficient handling of  
16 business matters. Four members shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of  
17 transacting business. Each member of the board of examiners shall receive as  
18 compensation for his services a maximum ~~fee of forty~~ one hundred dollars per day  
19 when the board is in session, and in addition thereto his actual and necessary travel  
20 expenses. Membership on the board of a public employee shall not constitute dual  
21 office holding within the meaning of R.S. ~~14:137~~ 42:61, et seq., or any other statute  
22 prohibiting dual office holding.

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24 §2110. Sanitarian trainees; permits

25 The board is authorized to issue sanitarian trainee permits to ~~sanitarian~~  
26 ~~trainees, provided such~~ applicants who have met the minimum educational  
27 requirements of R.S. 37:2111 but who either do not possess the required year of  
28 experience and training in environmental sanitation or environmental health or have  
29 not yet passed the written and oral examinations before the board. Such permits  
30 shall not be issued for a period in excess of two years, and provided, further, the

board may by rule require sanitarian trainees to work only under the supervision and direction of licensed sanitarians. ~~Sanitarian trainees who submit satisfactory proof to the board that they have been working as such in the state of Louisiana, and are deemed qualified by the board shall, if they apply for permits prior to January 15, 1955, be issued permits without the payment of permit fees.~~

§2111. Qualifications of applicants

~~On January 15, 1959, and thereafter, a~~ A person aspiring to become a licensed sanitarian in the state of Louisiana shall be a graduate of a an accredited college or university course in sanitation at a recognized school with a bachelor's degree and concentration of courses in environmental sanitation or the general area of environmental health. In lieu thereof, a person ~~may have a~~ aspiring to become a licensed sanitarian shall be a graduate of an accredited college or university with a bachelor's degree which includes at least thirty semester hours, or the equivalent, of courses in basic studies in the physical; and biological; sciences, with a minimum of six hours in the physical sciences and a minimum of ten hours in the biological sciences. Prior to being issued a license as a sanitarian, all sanitarian trainees shall have completed and socio-economic sciences, plus a minimum of one year of field experience, which shall include the successful completion of a board approved training course in environmental sanitation or environmental health. The board may, by rule, specify the particular types of physical and biological science courses which will be deemed acceptable to fulfill the educational requirements of this Section.

The board of examiners shall be vested with the authority to designate in detail the types and length of the required training in environmental sanitation or environmental health and the types of experience necessary. ~~When the above requirements become effective, they shall not be retroactive for those who have been licensed by the board as sanitarians or have been granted permits to work as sanitarian trainees and who obtained their licenses or permits prior to January 15, 1955, as provided elsewhere in this Chapter.~~

Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature

1 by the governor, as provided by Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If  
2 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become  
3 effective on the day following such approval.

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SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

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GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_